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Rule 8.4. Trial Date

The parties and counsel in the first 10 actions on the published trial calendar shall appear ready for trial on the date specified unless otherwise directed by the assigned judge. Parties in all other actions on the calendar are expected to be ready for trial but may contact the calendar clerk to obtain:

(A) A specific date and time for trial during the trial term specified in the calendar; or

(B) Permission to await the call by the calendar clerk of the action for trial upon reasonable notice to counsel. Absent consent of the parties to shorten the time, parties on a trial calendar are entitled to 16 hour call-in notice and notice shall occur during business hours (e.g. parties must receive notice by Monday at 5:00 p.m. for trial starting Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.). However, no case shall be subject to 16 hour call-in notice for more than 10 business days in a 30 day period, and for the eleventh and subsequent on-call days during a 30 day period, the parties are entitled to five business days' notice during business hours.

Rule 36.10. Filing Requirements–Civil

(A) Complaints or petitions for a civil action presented to the clerk for filing shall be filed only when accompanied by the proper filing fee, fee for sheriff service or a pauper’s affidavit, a civil case initiation form. At the time of filing the complaint or petition, the plaintiff shall file the appropriate civil case filing form required by OCGA § 9-11-3(b) with the clerk of the court and, when applicable, any other forms required by law or rule to be completed by the parties. No complaint or petition shall be delayed or rejected for filing by the clerk based upon the failure to include a case filing form, but the clerk shall advise the parties that such form(s) are required, must be filed as soon as possible, and that failure to do so may be addressed by the presiding judge as appropriate. The attorney or party filing the complaint shall furnish the necessary service copies.

(B) Judgments, settlements, dismissals and other dispositions presented to the clerk for filing shall be filed only when accompanied by a the civil case disposition form required by OCGA § 9-11-58(b). Unless the court otherwise directs, no judgment shall be effective for any purpose until the entry of the same and the entry of the judgment shall not be made by the clerk of the court until the civil case disposition form is filed.

[In State Court, see State Court Rule 36.10.]